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Manager's Newsletter

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Highlights from Town Council Meeting – February 2, 2009

- Marathon Board members Webb Fuller and Mike Kelly presented the Mayor and Town Council with a framed marathon picture to say "thank you" to the Town of Kitty Hawk for all of their support with the OBX Marathon. They also gave a status report on the 2008 OBX Marathon and what is in the works for 2009.
- Town Manager, John Stockton, updated the Council on the January 19, 2009 dog incident on Poor Ridge Road.
- Council approved a donation from Dawn Stainback that she made to the Town
 of Kitty Hawk's police department to use for safety equipment.
- There were two public hearings for text amendments both items were deferred until the March 2, 2009 meeting for action
 - Proposal to amend section 20-437(8) by setting minimum width standards for drive aisles within parking lots and adding a new section 20-72 creating allowances for existing, nonconforming parking lots. Ralph Calfee, Engineer, requested this ordinance not be adopted and offered to help draft a new one with Planning Director and Town Engineer.
 - Proposal to add a new section 20-426 setting minimum standards for onsite stormwater retention for office, commercial, multi-family residential and institutional uses requiring site plan review under Section 20-55(a)(3).
 Ralph Calfee, Engineer, requested this ordinance not be adopted and offered to help draft a new one with Planning Director and Town Engineer.
- Council approved a request by the Nags Head Surf Fishing Club to install their logo on the Kitty Hawk public welcome sign.
- Council decided to discuss the proposal, to add Section 20-427, Calculating
 Building Height in an "A" or "V" Flood Zone, for the purpose of measure building
 height from the lowest horizontal structural member to the peak of the roof on

- properties in A or V flood zones, at the next workshop meeting.
- Public hearing, conditional use permit, is scheduled for March 2, 2009 to review the application to establish an indoor skateboard ramp at 158 Surf & Skate in the Dunes Shops, 3701 N. Croatan Highway.
- Council deferred until March 2, 2009 text amendment proposal to amend sections 20-1, 20-452, 20-455, 20-459 & 20-461 of the Town Code to permit and establish standards for the use of mobile vehicular signs subject to a variety of conditions.
- Council denied text amendment proposal to amend the definition of changeable copy sign in section 20-of the Town Code by reducing the number of times a sign can change to three (3) times daily.
- Council deferred until March 2, 2009 text amendment proposal to update Chapter 19, Subdivisions, with revisions to the approval process, plat certification requirements, and development standards.
- Bob Stewart, Town Engineer, gave an update on Multi-Use projects within the Town of Kitty Hawk.
- Council approved the second reading of an ordinance granting an exclusive franchise to Bay Disposal, Inc. d/b/a Outer Banks Hauling for the collection of recycling materials from residential units in the Town of Kitty Hawk and disposal of same by delivery to recycling centers of buy-back facilities.
- Town Manager, John Stockton, stated that Mr. and Mrs. Williams of 410
 Woodland Drive donated monies to the Town for the purchase of a bench for
 the Moore Shore Road bike path. This donation was acknowledged by the
 Council.

Town Officials Proposing Revisions to Town Animal Ordinance

In light of the recent events involving the attack and death of a Labrador retriever on Poor Ridge Road by two pit bulls, the Town Manager will be working with Bobby Outten, Dare County Attorney, and the Town Attorney, Steve Michael, to rewrite the Town's Animal Ordinance that addresses the control of dogs in Town.

Mr. Outten presented several possibilities to the Dare County Board last Monday as to how the County Ordinance can be rewritten to better protect the citizens of the County against vicious dogs. Mr. Outten indicated that the County can improve the ordinance in the area of impoundment and euthanizing as well as restricting the breed or requiring some form of registration and bonding for dogs considered dangerous.

Mr. Outten's intent is to submit a basic ordinance to the County Board on February 16th in order to get something on the books with the idea of making further changes in the future.

The Town Manager will then propose to the Town Council that the same ordinance adopted by Dare County also be adopted by the Town Council. The Town would then enter into a Memorandum of Agreement, so that the County is willing to assist the Town in the enforcement of a new ordinance. The Town will also have the option to modify its

ordinance in the event that a more stringent ordinance is desired.

The Town has received many emails in this regard, but should someone wish to make further comments this can be done by contacting the Town's Management Assistant at ereilly@kittyhawktown.net.

Recycling in the Town of Kitty Hawk

The Town of Kitty Hawk is excited to announce a new voluntary subscription recycling program for residential customers.

This service will be provided once a week, on Mondays, for a monthly fee of \$8.95.

If you are interested in signing up for this voluntary service, please contact Outer Banks Hauling at 252-480-6699.

Mayor Pro Tempore, Gary Perry, Attends USS Kitty Hawk "Honoring our Legacy" Ceremony

Town of Kitty Hawk Mayo Pro Tempore Gary Perry attended and spoke at the USS Kitty Hawk's "Honoring our Legacy" ceremony on January 31st in Bremerton, Washington. The ceremony was the last time visitors will be able to visit the ship before it is decommissioned later this year. More than 1,000 former Kitty Hawk Sailors made the trip to Washington State, and guests also came from Canada and Australia for the ceremony. The ship, which is the oldest active warship in the Navy, is nearing 48 years of commissioned service.



BREMERTON, Wash. -- Kitty Hawk, N.C., Mayor Pro-tem Gary Perry holds his hand over his heart during the national anthem at the beginning of USS Kitty Hawk's "Honoring our Legacy" ceremony Jan. 31 in Bremerton, Wash. Perry spoke to the more than 2,000 guests, most of which were former Sailors of the Navy's oldest active warship. Along with Perry on the platform are, from left, Rear Adm. Robert F. Burt, the Navy's Chief of Chaplains and a former enlisted Kitty Hawk Sailor; Adm. Timothy Keating, commander of the U.S. Pacific Command in Hawaii and a former Kitty Hawk battle group commander; Capt. Todd A. Zecchin, Kitty Hawk's commanding officer; and Vice Adm. Thomas Kilcline, Naval Air Forces commander, who has more than 200 landings, known as "traps" aboard. U.S. Navy photo by Petty Officer 2nd Class Chantel M. Clayton.

Planning Board Meeting Summary February 5, 2009

Without any development applications for the first time in many months, the Kitty Hawk Planning Board had the opportunity to review several other important issues. At the beginning of the meeting, local contractor and resident Sam Barker presented the Planning Board with information about pervious concrete products and encouraged the Town to consider allowances for lot coverage when using pervious paving materials.

Next, Planning Director Joe Heard discussed the need to clarify the Town's standards regarding the use of temporary signs and banners. The Board members agreed that the use of temporary signs is important to local businesses and asked Mr. Heard to develop a draft ordinance clarifying the use of such signs and banners.

As part of the Town's budget process, the Planning Board created its recommended work plan for the upcoming fiscal year. A key project for the upcoming year will be the development of welcome and orientation materials to assist new and existing businesses in Kitty Hawk.

The final item of business was a discussion about evaluating the zoning of many properties in and around the Kitty Hawk Woods Coastal Reserve, a project that had been brought up during discussion of a recent rezoning request. It was noted that a number of properties owned by the State of North Carolina within the Coastal Reserve are still zoned residentially. In addition, there are certain residential properties within the Kitty Hawk Woods zoning district that may be more appropriately zoned to a different district. As a beginning step in the evaluation process, the Board members requested Mr. Heard to contact the Coastal Reserve office for more information about its properties. If changes are to be considered in the future, then the Planning Board will conduct public meetings and invite any affected property owners.

January Building Permit Report

The Town's Planning and Inspections Department issued seventeen (17) building permits totaling \$116,068 in January 2009.

Three (3) commercial permits were issued valued at \$21,000.

Fourteen (14) residential building permits were issued valued at \$95,068.

The full report for January can be viewed at the **Monthly Building Permit Report** found on the Town Website.

Planners Receive Erosion & Sediment Control Certification

Planning Director Joe Heard and Planner II Maureen O'Shea recently attended training sessions in Southern Pines, NC regarding erosion and sediment control. By successfully completing this annual program, Mr. Heard and Ms. O'Shea were certified by the NC Sedimentation Control Commission to manage the Town of Kitty Hawk's local erosion and sediment control program.

Kitty Hawk Fire Department Association 2009 Golf Tournament

Saturday, May 30, 2009

Shotgun Start Time at 1:00 pm

Hosted by Duck Woods Golf Course

50 S. Dogwood Trail, Southern Shores, NC 27949

Tournament Details:

The KHFDA Annual Golf Tournament is a Captain's Choice Tournament, limited to 30 teams. The cost per team for the tournament is \$320.00; the price includes golf cart, green fees, and a fish fry dinner at the completion of the tournament. Awards will be given to the top three teams in the Open Class and the top team made up of all firefighters from the same department.

To register your team or become a sponsor for the tournament, please contact the Fire Department at 261-2666. Registration forms may also be downloaded from our website, <u>Kittyhawkfd.com</u>. Click on <u>KHFDA Golf</u> to access Open Team, Fire Department Team, and/or Sponsorship registration forms.

Opportunities to Participate

Town Council Meeting

Monday, March 2, 2009 at 6 p.m.

<u>Planning Board Meeting</u>

Thursday, March 5, 2009 at 6 p.m.

Heritage Day Committee Meeting

Tuesday, March 31, 2009 at 6 p.m.

Recreation Committee Meeting

Tuesday, March 31, 2009 at 7 p.m.

(All Meetings to be held at Kitty Hawk Town Hall unless otherwise noted.)